

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, IO, UK, IR, AS  
SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN DEFENSE MEASURES

REF: STATE 18453

1. INFORMED DFA FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKENEY  
JANUARY 30 OF PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP.  
BLAKENEY WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THIS CONFIDENTIAL ADVANCE  
INFORMATION. HE SAID AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON HAD BEEN  
PROMISED EARLY BRIEFING ON DIEGO GARCIA DEVELOPMENTS AND HOPED  
THIS COULD BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: DEFENSE DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN ARE  
VERY SENSITIVE POLITICALLY IN AUSTRALIA AND DFA IS  
CONCERNED THAT MINISTERS HAVE BEST POSSIBLE PREPARATION  
FOR FIELDING HOSTILE PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESS QUESTIONS.  
INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL WAS TIMELY AND USEFUL,  
PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF BORADENED STRATEGIC CONSULTA-  
TIONS CONTEMPLATED IN NORTHWEST CAPE NEGOTIATIONS. IT  
WILL BE IN OUR INTEREST TO KEEP AUSTRALIANS AS FULLY  
INFORMED AS WE CAN ON THESE MATTERS.  
HARROP

SECRET

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